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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

To the FCC commissioners:

I work for Cruzio, a small, independent ISP serving Santa Cruz County, California.

It seems that big telephone companies are saying they no longer need to lease their copper lines to independent ISPs. I disagree!

Cruzio uses copper lines to provide thousands of customers with internet service. These lines are serving exactly the intended purpose: giving consumers a choice. Cruzio has also started building our own infrastructure, but it will be years before we can serve our customers without copper.

Without the ability to lease copper lines, our company would not be able to compete. A lack of competition would cause prices to rise, and service levels would degrade. We have seen this in countless towns around the USA.

Deregulation is helpful to an industry only if there is enough competition to allow market forces to work.

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